

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<i>In re</i> application of: <b>Nazarenko, I., et al.</b> Appl. No.: <b>09/599,594</b> Filed: <b>June 22, 2000</b> For: <b>Primers and Methods for the Detection and Discrimination of Nucleic Acids</b>	Confirmation No.: 8750 Art Unit: 1637 Examiner: Fredman, J. N. Atty. Docket: IVGN 246

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated **August 29, 2007** (the “Action”), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks for the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the Amendments and Remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE-Form PTO/SB/30EFS) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. It is believed that consideration of the Amendment and

Remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided with this electronic filing. However, if additional fees are due, or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3994.